

# CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

## RESOLUTION NO. R-3-05

Introduced by Mayor Moyer  
Alderman Tolliver

### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

| First Reader: | Public Hearing: | Fiscal Impact Note: | 120 Day Rule: |
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| 2/14/05       | n/a             | n/a                 | n/a           |

| Referred to: | Meeting Date: | Action Taken: |
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| n/a          |               |               |

### A RESOLUTION concerning

#### West Street Library

**FOR** the purpose of expressing the support of the Annapolis City Council to maintain, reconstruct or build a larger public County library at 1410 West Street; and all matters relating to said West Street Library.

**WHEREAS,** The Public Library Association of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, Inc. (the Library Board) recently received, from its consultant, a final report on the *Facilities Plan Update* which addresses location choices for a new Annapolis Area Library. The conclusion of the consultants is that enlarging the West Street Library is not a “good choice,” that there “may” be another site within Annapolis, and suggests that an Annapolis Area Library be constructed in the new Parole Center; and

**WHEREAS,** it has been suggested that the West Street Library would be closed when the regional library is constructed in Parole or other location outside of the City’s limits; and

**WHEREAS,** the West Street Library currently serves not only downtown Annapolis and the rest of the Annapolis community but is centrally located on the main entry into Annapolis and on a transit route so that many citizens that are unable to drive may have access to a library; and

**WHEREAS,** it is used as a polling place and community meeting center where its programs have entertained and educated generations of Annapolitans, and its resources continue to serve bibliophiles of all ages; and

1     **WHEREAS,**     the current West Street Library is within walking distance to students at  
2                     Walter Mills-Parole Elementary, Bates Middle School, and Germantown  
3                     Elementary schools; and  
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5     **WHEREAS,**     without a centrally located library that is accessible to those too young or  
6                     too old to drive, there will be many in the Capital City who will find it  
7                     inconvenient or even impossible to access this treasured resource; and  
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9     **WHEREAS,**     there is strong support in the neighborhoods surrounding the West Street  
10                    Library that the library be maintained or expanded; and  
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12    **WHEREAS,**     it would indeed be a sad commentary to close the only library in the City of  
13                     Annapolis where the first lending library in the New World was established  
14                     by Thomas Bray; and  
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16    **WHEREAS,**     Thomas Bray believed that the key to success in life came from the  
17                     learning achieved through reading.  
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19    **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that City  
20    Council of Annapolis finds that every citizen of Annapolis should have safe and convenient  
21    pedestrian access to a public library.  
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23    **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the Library  
24    Board maintain, reconstruct or build a larger public library at the current location of 1410  
25    West Street, and not be relocated to any other site.  
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27    **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that copies of  
28    this resolution be sent to the County Executive of Anne Arundel County and to the Library  
29    Board of Anne Arundel County.  
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31                    **ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.  
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34    **ATTEST:**

**THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL**

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39    Deborah Heinbuch, MMC  
40    City Clerk

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ELLEN O. MOYER, MAYOR**